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information on the following:

two reports containing

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a. Construction carried out by the MFA Construction Regiment in
Bacau, Rumania.

b. The Infratirea Machine Factory in Oradea, Rumania. Included is a 50X1-HUM
legend keyed to a sketch of the factory layout.

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SUBJECT : **MFA Construction Regiment in Bacau**

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1. The **MFA construction regiment (Regimental MFA Constructie)** is stationed in Bacau, in the former food store of No. 2 Military District HQ, located in Iasi. In secret documents the **unit is designated as "Regimentul 580".**

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2. **Soldiers on compulsory service in construction units comprise persons of undesirable social origin, men with criminal records (imprisonment of 4 months to 4 years) and skilled workers. Duration of service is two years in construction units of the army, and three years in those of the navy and the air force. Soldiers serving in construction units do not receive military training except drill.**

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3. The [] regiment consists of about 200 enlisted men and some 20 civilian employees. The latter undergo a thorough medical examination and a security check before being accepted.

4. The daily schedule of [] regiment is as follows:

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0600 hrs	-	Reveille
0630 - 0700	-	breakfast
0700 - 1330	-	Work
1330 - 1600	-	Lunch and rest period
1600 - 1900	-	Work
1900 - 1930	-	Supper
1930 - 2130	-	Cleaning, lectures, etc.
2230	-	Lights out (bed-time is actually 2130) approximately, except for disciplinary offenders who are required to do all kinds of exercises until 2230).

5. Political lectures are given twice weekly during working hours, for enlisted men only. During these lectures, soldiers are given explanations regarding the importance of the work carried out by them and efforts are made to encourage them. Political lectures on current affairs, with the participation of civilian employees, are held once a week.

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6. The command organization of the regiment is as follows:

- a. Commander is a Lieutenant Colonel.**
- b. Second-in-Command (political) is a major.**
- c. Secretary of the Party cell (a Lieut. -Col.)**
- d. Chief engineer, a major**

(Because of reductions carried out in February 1958, the officer holding this post, who was an engineer by profession, was discharged and a lieutenant, a graduate of a vocational school, was appointed in his place).

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7. The Construction Regiment is organized in five to six work-camps, designated *statiere*. The number of soldiers in each *statiere* varies with the task on hand. An *statiere* is commanded by a lieutenant or a sergeant-major (*Plutonier*).

8. Administratively, the Regimental MFA Constructie-Bacau is divided into the following sections (*Servicii*):

- a. Technical section, which determines the required materials, costing, plans, etc.**
- b. Material supplies' section.**
- c. Food and forage supply section.**
- d. Quartermaster and transport section.**
- e. Cadres and records' section (*Serviciul Cadre Si Evidenta*).**

9. Until February 1958 a dispensary for treatment of both soldiers and civilian employees was maintained at the unit when it

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was closed down because of budgetary reductions. The personnel of the unit is now treated at the dispensary of the artillery regiment stationed in Bacau.

10. During November 1957 - February 1958 the regiment 50X1-HUM carried out the following projects:
- a. Stables, belonging to a regiment in Bacau (no details) were converted into officers quarters. They comprise two groundfloor buildings of 3 - 4 one-room flats with common lavatories, for married officers up to the rank of lieutenant major and one building of two or three two-room apartments with kitchen and lavatory, for captains.
 - b. At the U. R. A. (Usinele Remine De Aviatie) jet aircraft assembly plant in Bacau, an office building was constructed (no details).
 - c. Sheds for protecting guns against rain and snow and lightning-rods were erected in the camp of an artillery regiment located 1 km. from Bacau railroad station, to the right of the tracks, going in the direction of Piatra Neamt (northwards).
 - d. Lightning-rods were erected near the ammunition stores situated in the wood opposite the Trifesti railroad station.

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approximately 5 kms. south-west of Roman. The stores are guarded by about 160 soldiers and watch dogs (no further details).

- e. Lightning-rods were also erected in the ammunition stores in Calugara Mare village (one rod for each brick store), about 6 kms. from Bacau, on the right-hand side of the road to Onesti. (no details on stores and security arrangements available).

- 11. Some of the personalities at [redacted] MFA Construction Regiment are as follows:

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- a. Lt. col. Ioan Alexiu was the commander of [redacted] regiment until 1958, when he was transferred to a similar post in Iasi. [redacted]

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b.

[Large redacted area]

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- c. **Sgt. Major Petoler (fnu) has been in charge of food supply and forage section at the unit since early 1958.** [redacted]

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- d. **Lt. Vasile Sculea has been the chief engineer of the unit since February 1958.** [redacted]

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- e. **Captain Ion Trifan is in charge of the technical section of the unit.** [redacted]

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- f. **Major Petre Voicu is the second-in-command (political) of [redacted] regiment.** [redacted]

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**g. Sgt. Major Vulpu (fau) is commander of an antier
of the unit in Bacau.**

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SUBJECT:

The Infratirea Machine
Factory in Oradea

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1. The Infratirea Machine Factory was located at 24 or 26 Iosif Ben Street (at the very end of the street) in the Iosia (Osi) quarter of Oradea [Rh7-05, E21-55], the western part of town. The factory was about one and one-half kilometers from the town center (Piata Malinovski), on the road to Arad. It occupied a large area enclosed by a wall 2 meters high; most of the wall was made of wood and topped with three layers of barbed wire, though a small part of it was made of bricks. A pharmacy was located on the corner of Iosif Ben Street (the street started at the road leading to Arad.)

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2. The factory was once a small concern for the manufacture of heating stoves (no further details), but subsequent to its nationalization it underwent great development and, in mid-1958, employed some 1,000 workers in three shifts. It was subordinate to the Ministry of Heavy Industry.
3. The management of the factory consisted of a director, the director of the personnel department, and the secretary of the Party cell. All production matters at the factory were administered by a technical board consisting of the chief engineer, the manager of the technical quality control department (Control Technic Calitativ - CTC), and the managers of the four production departments (sectoare), namely, the foundry, the machine shop, the carpenters and fitters shop, and the assembly shop. Included among the administrative departments at the factory were the administrative, financial, commercial, accounts, planning, and maintenance departments.
4. The Infratirea factory used Soviet sheet iron and iron blocks from industrial concerns in Hunedoara and Resita (no further details). Among the items produced by the factory in 1958 were the following:

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- a. Lathes (quantity unknown).
 - b. "Universal" planing machines, 20-25 every three months.
 - c. Pneumatic hammers, about 15 every three months.
 - d. Shaping machines, about 30 every three months.
 - e. Guillotines, about 10 every three months.
 - f. Metal saws, about ten.
 - g. Wood saws (quantity unknown).
 - h. Large A-2 drilling machines (masini de guarit), about 60.
 - i. Small A-3 drills (quantity unknown).
5. The factory exported pneumatic hammers, A-2 drilling machines, and shaping machines [] (no further details were known on production or export).
6. The following equipment at the factory (incomplete listing) was reported (no technical information on the equipment was known):
- a. Two metal heating furnaces of Romanian-make.
 - b. One smelting furnace.

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- c. Numerous (?) lathes manufactured by the Iosif Ranghet Factory in Arad, one large lathe manufactured by a factory (?) in Orasul Stalin, two lathes

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and

about four other large lathes.

- d. Three slotting machines.
- e. About 8-10 shaping machines.
- f. About four metal sawing machines.
- g. Grinding machines.
- h. One fire extinguisher.
- i. Planing machines.
7. The factory consisted of the following buildings:
- a. The gatekeepers lodge, situated at the entrance to the factory.
- b. Wooden garage for the workers motorcycles, wooden stand for their bicycles, and atmosphere brick garage, all of which were built after the factory became nationalized and were located to the left of the factory entrance.

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- c. Machine shop, a large 40 x 20-meter brick structure about 10 meters high and covered with a sheet iron sloping roof.
- d. Fitters shop, a small, 6 x 5-meter wooden structure.
- e. A one-story building housing the first-aid post (crucea rosie), the measuring department (metrologie), the laboratory, and the precision instruments repair and testing shops. The building was about 25 x 8 meters in size and had a tile roof.
- f. The foundry, a brick structure 35 x 20 meters in size, about 15 meters high and topped with sheet iron.
- g. A one-story building housing the accounts, personnel and planning departments, as well as the chief engineers office. The building was about 30 x 10 meters in size and had a tile roof.

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- h. The Trade Unions building, which also contained showers for the workers.
 - i. A building housing the administrative department, which was 12 x 6 meters in size.
 - j. A building containing the offices of the technical control department and the library.
8. The following persons were employed at the Infratirea Factory in Oradea:
- a. Karoly Nagy, director of the factory since 1958, [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
- b. Kestenbaum (fnu), head of the machine shop and a machine engineer by profession, [REDACTED]

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- c. Kenez (fnu), director of the personnel department and a former laborer at the factory

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- d. Nicolas Lindenfeld, head of the lathes and planning machines and an engineer by profession

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- e. Constantin Datu, director of the technical control department and an engineer by profession

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Legend to Sketch of the Infirmary Factory

1. Plaza Malinevski.
2. Road to Arad.
3. Pharmacy.
4. Strada Iosif Ban.
5. Guard room.
6. Motorcycle shed, 8 x 6 meters in size.
7. Bicycle shed, 15 x 7 meters in size.
8. Two-truck garage.
9. Fitters shop and forge.
10. Small fitters shop.
11. Offices, library and lecture hall.
12. First-aid post.

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13. Measuring department.
14. Laboratory.
15. Foundry.
16. Offices of the personnel, planning, accounts departments and the chief engineer.
17. Trade Unions and showers.
18. Carpenters shop.
19. Offices of the administrative department.
20. Fire brigade.
21. Raw materials store.
22. Metal sawing machines.
23. Office dealing with raw materials.
24. Technical board.
25. Machine shop.
26. Stores of machine shop.
27. Restaurant.
28. Toolmakers shop.
29. Small lathes shop.
30. Workshop for leather belts.

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- 31. Assembly crew.**
- 32. Painters shop.**
- 33. Underground fuel store.**

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